

of 50 times their number. These individuals deserve our gratitude, our praise and most importantly our continued support as they conduct on a daily basis, vital rescue and relief missions for the citizens of the Gulf Coast. Thank you for a job well done and for continuing to support our Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SANDY BUCHANAN

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Sandy Buchanan of Cold Spring, KY, for her 41 years of service and devotion to the Disabled American Veterans. Her steadfast support reinforces her organization's honorable goal of building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families.

The Disabled American Veterans is a service organization for the brave men and women who have become sick and disabled as a result of wartime military service. Founded in 1920, this organization serves veterans who have fought in combat since World War I.

Ms. Buchanan began work as a key-punch operator for the Disabled American Veterans on October 12, 1964. In her four decades of service, she has helped the organization grow from supporting 178,864 members to representing 1.3 million members. Over the years, she has risen to the position of executive assistant at the National Headquarters in Cold Spring, KY. During her tenure, Ms. Buchanan has served combat veterans of every war and conflict since World War I.

I now ask my fellow colleagues to join me in thanking Ms. Buchanan for her dedication and commitment to the Disabled American Veterans. Her devotion to our Nation's combat heroes serves as an example to all citizens of the Commonwealth.●

CONGRATULATING ST. ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I rise to congratulate St. Elizabeth Medical Center of northern Kentucky. St. Elizabeth has been named as a magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Designation as a magnet hospital by this organization is an extremely prestigious honor, so much so that some have called it the Nobel Prize of hospital nursing. Fewer than 200 providers have received this recognition. This puts St. Elizabeth in the company of only 3 percent of U.S. hospitals.

Just as the award it has received indicates, St. Elizabeth acts as a magnet for nursing. It offers the exceptional quality of nursing care and attracts and retains the most talented nurses. Not only is this good news for St. Elizabeth, but it is good news for the community—they know that if they go to this facility, they will be receiving some of the best care in the country. I

am extremely excited that northern Kentucky is receiving the nursing care that it deserves.

I congratulate St. Elizabeth Medical Center on this achievement. Everyone involved with this institution is an inspiration to the citizens of Kentucky. I look forward to all that St. Elizabeth accomplishes in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5384. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1736. An act to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 3:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5403. An act to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the safe and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes.

At 4:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4681. An act to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5384. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 301. A resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Audubon Society.

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 801. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Florida, as the "John Milton Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse".

S. 2650. A bill to designate the Federal courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Federal Courthouse."

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services. Air Force nomination of Gen. Michael V. Hayden to be General.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2994. A bill to provide for the mandatory revocation, in addition to the mandatory denial, of passports of individuals who have a certain level of child support arrearages; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2995. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Butanedioic acid, dimethylester polymer with 4-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidine ethanol; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2996. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2-(2H-Benzotriazol-2-yl)-4,6-bis(1,1-dimethylpropyl)phenol; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2997. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Decanedioic acid, bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidinyl) ester; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2998. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 1,2-Bis(3-aminopropyl) ethylenediamine, polymer with N-butyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidinamine and 2,4,6-trichloro-1,3,5-triazine; to the Committee on Finance.